

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments and to pass all pending claims to allowance in view of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Status of Claims

Claims 16 and 27 to 30 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claim 16 is being amended, and Claims 4, 7-12, 14 and 15 are being canceled without prejudice. The Board has determined that Claims 16 and 27 to 30 meet the requirements of Section 112, first paragraph.

Response

In response to the Office Action, Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 1. No new matter is added by the present amendment. Claims 4, 7-12, 14 and 15 are being canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of these claims in a continuing application.

In view of the amendments being made, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record and requests withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims is earnestly requested.

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